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2. Japanese Patent Publication No. 7-334939. The relevance of this document can be understood from the attached English-language Abstract, the drawings, and from the attached counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,636,200.

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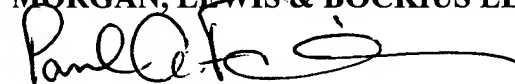
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